

# **Exhibit 12**

**VIDEO TELECONFERENCE DEPOSITION**

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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SIERRA BOUCHER, LILY ENGBRECHT,  
NATASSIA TUHOVAK, HANNAH WHELAN, and  
CASSIDY WOOD,

Plaintiffs,

- against - Case No.  
1:22-cv-00381-CCR

TRUSTEES OF CANISIUS COLLEGE,

Defendant.

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Video teleconference deposition of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] present at 151 Washington Highway, Amherst,  
New York, taken pursuant to Subpoena, connecting to  
various locations on October 7, 2024, commencing at  
12:02 p.m., before KELLY K. FRICANO, Notary Public.

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12:04:33 1 you calling for your attendance at today's  
12:04:35 2 deposition?

12:04:35 3 **A.** Yes, ma'am.

12:04:36 4 **Q.** Okay. Great. So [REDACTED] was there  
12:04:43 5 a time when you attended Canisius College as an  
12:04:48 6 undergraduate student?

12:04:50 7 **A.** Yes, ma'am.

12:04:51 8 **Q.** And When was that?

12:04:52 9 **A.** 2010. I believe I transferred from  
12:05:02 10 another college in 2010. It could --

12:05:03 11 **Q.** Okay. And -- go ahead, I'm sorry. I  
12:05:09 12 don't want to cut you off.

12:05:09 13 **A.** It could have been 2011. I'm pretty  
12:05:14 14 sure it was 2010.

12:05:15 15 **Q.** Okay. Was there a specific reason why  
12:05:19 16 you transferred to Canisius?

12:05:23 17 **A.** Yes, I had learned of the ABEC Program  
12:05:29 18 and I had done a tour with Dr. Michael Noonan where  
12:05:36 19 he encouraged me to become a part of his personal  
12:05:41 20 research team and I was very exited about the  
12:05:45 21 prospects of actually specifically not having to  
12:05:54 22 experiment with animals.

12:05:56 23 He promised me that that would not be part

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12:16:13 1 his female student's hair, taking their hair out of  
12:16:17 2 whatever they had come to class with their hair  
12:16:20 3 style in, coming behind them and taking it out and  
12:16:24 4 then, you know, running his hands through their  
12:16:30 5 hair and braiding it for them and redoing it the  
12:16:33 6 way he liked. And often times he would do it in  
12:16:36 7 really silly ways as a -- it was very humiliating  
12:16:40 8 the ways that he would make their hair look.

12:16:43 9           But he was always -- I mean, I don't  
12:16:47 10 exaggerate, it was every day I would see him  
12:16:49 11 touching his student's hair, the females, the days  
12:16:52 12 that I would have his class which I believe was two  
12:16:57 13 or three times a week. And the one time, I -- you  
12:17:02 14 know, he would do this to me as well, he did this  
12:17:05 15 to me.

12:17:08 16           And then, also, this was on the bus, we were  
12:17:11 17 going to Pittsburgh Zoo and I was sitting across  
12:17:16 18 from my friend [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] [phonetic],  
12:17:20 19 who is now like a PhD candidate and doing great as  
12:17:24 20 a primatologist. But she -- originally she  
12:17:28 21 couldn't stand Noonan, but she ended up on this bus  
12:17:35 22 trip, she's sitting across from me in the seat in  
12:17:40 23 the school bus and Noonan comes down the hallway,

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12:17:45 1 like the walkway in the middle between the seats  
12:17:49 2 and he stands over -- she was -- I think she was  
12:17:54 3 laying down in the seat with her legs in the aisle.

12:17:59 4 Yes, she was sitting -- she was sitting --  
12:18:03 5 she was definitely laying down with her legs in the  
12:18:06 6 aisle and he walked over to her and I and he took  
12:18:11 7 her legs and he put them up over her head. Like I  
12:18:20 8 can't -- I was just like shocked, and he stood  
12:18:24 9 there in like a clear sexual position. It was just  
12:18:29 10 unreal and I don't think she like allowed him to do  
12:18:31 11 that for very long, maybe like five or ten seconds.  
12:18:36 12 But I mean, that was shocking to me.

12:18:40 13 The things that -- the things that he would  
12:18:43 14 get away with, I think were just always so shocking  
12:18:49 15 and appalling to me and I think it was because his  
12:18:54 16 students were so young. The young women didn't  
12:18:58 17 know any better or thought that like they were  
12:19:01 18 excited to be his chosen ones so they would let him  
19 do this stuff sometimes. I mean, that's what I  
12:19:06 20 observed.

12:19:06 21 BY MS. NANAU:

12:19:06 22 Q. Is there -- so aside from, you know,  
12:19:12 23 the braiding hair, the comment about kissing the

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12:22:14 1 it wasn't going -- it wasn't going to be like this  
12:22:18 2 torturous experience.

12:22:18 3 So he would make me wait for like three  
12:22:22 4 hours where I was only -- I was only required to  
12:22:25 5 spend an hour a day sitting and observing the  
12:22:28 6 torture of the animals, but because I wanted him to  
12:22:33 7 come and help the animals who were acutely  
12:22:36 8 suffering under my observation, he would have me  
12:22:40 9 wait and I would have to watch that for like three  
12:22:44 10 hours while he took his time coming down.

12:22:47 11 And then his suggestion -- solution would be  
12:22:50 12 that he would just take them out in front of me and  
12:22:54 13 break their necks, which I of course said, no, no,  
12:22:58 14 don't do that. So they would just stay and remain  
12:23:01 15 being attacked and it was just terrible.

12:23:06 16 I would take pictures of the animals -- I  
12:23:09 17 would take pictures of the animals' injuries and he  
12:23:15 18 would try -- he would try to get me to delete the  
12:23:20 19 pictures on my phone and make me go through and  
12:23:25 20 delete -- and actually, yeah, that's what -- sorry.  
12:23:26 21 I completely forgot, but that's when he -- I took a  
12:23:31 22 picture of him standing over [REDACTED] on the  
12:23:37 23 bus with her legs up over her head.

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12:24:52 1 or the morning of the field trip. He said that  
12:24:55 2 they had all been exterminated or all dispatched,  
12:25:01 3 some -- some clinical term. He just snapped their  
4 necks.

12:25:07 5 And that was upsetting to me, but I -- but I  
12:25:09 6 just didn't let it show because I wanted to be on  
12:25:13 7 his side, like I wanted to be a part of his  
12:25:16 8 research team, I wanted him to like me. So I just  
12:25:20 9 kind of made it look like it didn't bother me, but  
12:25:24 10 he did it to upset me for sure. I know that that  
12:25:28 11 was true.

12:25:29 12 And then, later on he did end up allowing an  
12:25:32 13 adoption program to happen. So -- I mean, he was  
12:25:36 14 fully capable of doing things more humanely and  
12:25:42 15 chose not to, I believe to desensitize his students  
12:25:51 16 of the pain and suffering of the animals that they  
12:25:55 17 came into the program to help.

12:25:55 18 **BY MS. NANAU:**

12:25:56 19 Q. [REDACTED] other than the Social Org  
12:26:00 20 class and the lab, did you take any other classes  
12:26:03 21 with Dr. Noonan?

12:26:05 22 A. I did not. I -- I don't believe so.  
12:26:10 23 No, I just took that one class.

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12:29:06 1 captivity and it was big news all over the world, I  
12:29:10 2 think, and he was called to comment on it and he  
12:29:13 3 refused and he was like -- he told us, yeah, they  
12:29:17 4 called me and I told them no.

12:29:20 5 So he was just not -- he was not ever there  
12:29:22 6 to help the animals. It was always the animals  
12:29:26 7 were there as a means to him. And his persona as a  
12:29:33 8 researcher, he just exploited every animal and  
12:29:39 9 human and non-human and human alike in his mitts to  
12:29:45 10 get what it was that he wanted. That's my personal  
12:29:50 11 perspective.

12:29:50 12 BY MS. NANAU:

12:29:50 13 Q. [REDACTED] with regard to the  
12:29:52 14 treatment of the rats during the Social Org lab,  
12:29:57 15 did you ever discuss your concerns with a faculty  
12:30:02 16 member at Canisius or an administrator?

12:30:06 17 A. Yes, I would share my feelings about  
12:30:11 18 the rat torture. I talked at length to  
12:30:20 19 Dr. Margulis, who was his right hand man. I mean,  
12:30:24 20 she was just no better than he, but like she -- I  
12:30:30 21 felt she was intimidated by him and I just wanted  
12:30:34 22 somebody to help.

12:30:35 23 So I would try to reach out to her and have

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12:30:38 1 her come and help the animals and she would  
12:30:44 2 just -- she was -- acted completely, whatever the  
12:30:51 3 word is. I can't recall -- I can't remember what  
12:30:55 4 word I'm trying to use, but basically --  
12:30:58 5 inadequate. She couldn't do anything about it.  
12:31:00 6 She was just so meek, it was pathetic.

12:31:04 7 **Q.** Anyone other than Dr. Margulis that you  
12:31:09 8 raised your concerns about Dr. Noonan's treatment  
12:31:13 9 of the rats during the Social Org lab?

12:31:16 10 **MS. NAASSANA:** Form.

12:31:17 11 **THE WITNESS:** I reached out to the college  
12:31:20 12 newspaper and they did an investigation of some  
12:31:23 13 manner. They did an article where they interviewed  
12:31:31 14 me, they tried to interview Noonan about the rat  
12:31:32 15 torture and I believe that was published in one of  
12:31:36 16 the newspapers. I can't -- I can't remember  
12:31:38 17 exactly.

12:31:40 18 I -- no, I think it was a video. They  
12:31:43 19 did -- there may have been a written component,  
12:31:46 20 like a written article, but it was actually a  
12:31:50 21 video. It was a video -- what's it called -- a  
12:31:57 22 video by the reporter.

12:32:00 23 And he showed like the laboratory where it

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12:32:04 1 happened. He couldn't get into the lab, but I took  
12:32:07 2 him up and showed him where it -- where the  
12:32:11 3 laboratory was on the third floor of the science  
12:32:16 4 complex and yeah.

12:32:20 5 And then also, so -- so I mean everybody on  
12:32:25 6 the campus became aware after that, you know,  
12:32:29 7 anybody who had seen that video that was made by  
12:32:32 8 the newspaper team for the college, everybody was  
12:32:38 9 aware of what was going on.

12:32:40 10 And I know I had mentioned the Social Org  
12:32:47 11 class with the rat situation. I made like a  
12:32:52 12 Facebook page about it so people would have known  
12:32:55 13 through that. And then also, I think I -- I  
12:32:57 14 definitely mentioned just the torture of the  
12:33:01 15 animals and the way that he was so proud of hurting  
12:33:05 16 animals and desensitizing students.

12:33:08 17 I know I told that to the Dean of Students,  
12:33:13 18 doctor -- gosh, I can't remember her name right  
12:33:18 19 now. Shit. But, yeah.

12:33:20 20 **BY MS. NANAU:**

12:33:20 21 **Q.** Was it Dr. Erickson who you spoke to?

12:33:24 22 **A.** No, I don't think so. That  
12:33:27 23 doesn't -- that could have been -- that could have

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12:33:30 1 been the man that I talked to. I talked to a man  
12:33:34 2 once and then I talked to -- after my arrest at the  
12:33:36 3 college, I also spoke to a woman dean.

12:33:41 4 Q. Pat Erickson, I believe, was a woman.

12:33:45 5 A. Oh, is it?

12:33:46 6 Q. Yeah.

12:33:47 7 A. Yeah, that wasn't the name of the woman  
12:33:49 8 that I met with, I don't -- I don't believe. I  
12:33:53 9 mean it wasn't. I can't remember her name right  
12:33:55 10 now.

12:33:57 11 Q. Did anything come of the newspaper  
12:34:00 12 article regarding the poor treatment of the rats in  
12:34:06 13 the Social Org lab; do you know?

12:34:07 14 A. Yeah, the -- because of the amount of  
12:34:11 15 pressure I put on him, he did discontinue that  
12:34:17 16 experiment after 30 years of doing it every other  
12:34:20 17 semester. He just, he stopped doing it.

12:34:25 18 Q. Did there come a time when you  
12:34:28 19 complained to any faculty member or Canisius  
12:34:33 20 administrator about Dr. Noonan's claim that he  
12:34:36 21 kissed a woman student on the mouth or his  
12:34:40 22 treatment of [REDACTED] during the trip to the  
12:34:46 23 Pittsburgh Zoo?

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12:34:48 1           **A.** Yes, I recall mentioning that to the  
12:34:51 2 woman dean when -- after my arrest, they were going  
12:34:58 3 to be doing an investigation to see if they wanted  
12:35:02 4 to pursue further -- I don't know, like just to see  
12:35:05 5 what happened on that date.

12:35:06 6           And that was -- I definitely told them then.  
12:35:11 7 I told them in like -- that was probably 2011, and  
12:35:16 8 I told them months prior -- or no, I'm sorry.  
12:35:22 9 Months after I stopped being in his program at all,  
12:35:26 10 so that would have been like 20 -- late 2011 or  
12:35:32 11 2012, if I was still at that school.

12:35:34 12           I was not there for very long. Maybe like a  
12:35:37 13 year or two. But yeah, I told two different -- two  
12:35:42 14 different school officials and both of them, I  
12:35:43 15 believe, were deans. One was a male and one was a  
12:35:46 16 female.

12:35:46 17           **Q.** And do you remember what specifically  
12:35:48 18 you told them about Noonan's comments about kissing  
12:35:52 19 a student or his treatment of [REDACTED] during  
12:35:56 20 that school trip?

12:35:57 21           **A.** Yeah, I just told him like that there  
12:36:01 22 were -- I said that they were worried about the  
12:36:01 23 wrong things when they were reprimanding me for

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